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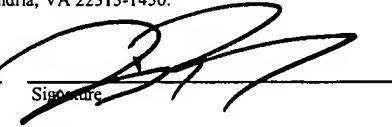
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 8 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Appendix A including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.

Appendix B including replacement formal drawings is attached following page 11 of this paper.